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ISRAEL AGREES TO TEMP TRUCE, BALL IN HAMAS' COURT, U.S. SAYS

Israelis have more or less accepted a proposal for a six-week ceasefire in Gaza and release of vulnerable hostages by Hamas, US official said

5,75,000

PEOPLE ARE ONE STEP AWAY FROM FAMINE IN GAZA, U.N. WARNS

PRISONER SWAP RATIO IS KEY ISSUE

Israeli media said the issue is the identity of hostages who will be released and how many Palestinian prisoners will be freed in exchange. Talks were held in Doha on Saturday and Cairo on Sunday. US, Qatar, Egypt are involved. Israel did not attend the Cairo talks after Hamas refused to give a list of hostages who are still alive | P9

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SURE OF THIRD TERM, PM & MINISTERS PLAN FOR NEXT INNINGS

Meet discusses action plan for 100 days

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

CONFIDENT of retaining power for the third consecutive term, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday chaired a day-long meeting of his Council of Ministers to discuss the immediate steps to be taken by the next government within the first 100 days. The meeting, probably the last such gathering before the Lok Sabha polls, also discussed the action plan for the next five years, and a blue print to make India a developed country by 2047.

Sources said PM Modi kicked off the 8-hour discussion by sharing his thoughts on the comprehensive Viksit-Bharat- 2047 vision document and spoke for an hour about the various long-term strategies for India's progress. This was followed by presentations by the ministers on their respective ministries' roadmap for 25 years with special focus on the next five years and 100 days.

It was decided that steps will be taken to ensure the Central schemes reach every intended beneficiary. Sources said the deliberations included steps to ensure zero poverty and impart skills to the youth.

The vision document includes goals and action points for economic growth, ease of living and ease of doing business, social welfare, and Sustainable Development Goals.

"Creating a sustainable economy to push the country to become the third-largest economy, placing equal emphasise on empowerment of women and poor with the spirit of *atamnirbhar* (self reliance) has been one of the primary bases of the vision document," said a source, adding that the details and outcome of more than 2,700 meetings held across the ministries have been added in the roadmap for 2047.

TNIE has learnt that Modi suggested that a separate budget of ₹1 lakh crore be earmarked for development of technologies to accelerate the pace of progresses. It was also advised that every ministry in future should frequently organise seminars with experts and try to implement good suggestions through suitable policies. "The objective of the discussions was to ensure saturation of the government's welfare schemes, planning of people-centric policies, and schemes for time-bound elimination of poverty", said a source.

CM: Blast case will be handed over to NIA, if needed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chikkamagaluru/Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah said on Sunday that the Bengaluru cafe blast case will be handed over to NIA, if necessary.

Disclosing this to reporters in Chikkamagaluru, he said that his government has taken the case very seriously and all efforts will be made to bring those behind it to book.

Vital clues

Meanwhile, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara said in Bengaluru that the investigating officers have gathered important clues and the accused in the cafe blast case will be arrested soon.

He said the cafe blast and Mangaluru cooker explosion cases have similarities. The NIA might have an idea of which terrorist outfit might be involved in the cafe blast.

Reacting to Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil's remark that the cafe blast is a "silly incident", Siddaramaiah said it is definitely not silly and people's safety is his government's top priority.

Criticising Leader of Opposition R Ashoka for his statement that the image of Bengaluru has changed from "Brand Bengaluru" to "Bomb Bengaluru", the CM said four blasts, including the one near the BJP office at Malleswaram in Bengaluru, took place during the saffron party's rule in 2008.

"Is it not a failure on the part of agencies such as RAW and NIA, which are under the NDA government at the Centre. I strongly condemn such incidents. The BJP should not politicise the cafe blast case. Ashoka should think twice before making such comments," he said. CONTINUED ON: P3

Shehbaz Sharif makes a statement in Pakistan Parliament after securing enough votes to become PM | AFP

New Pakistan PM mentions Kashmir in victory speech

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

SHEHBAZ Sharif becomes the new prime minister of Pakistan after securing 201 votes out of 336 in Pakistan's Parliament in a vote of confidence held on Sunday amidst protests from supporters of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan. He takes oath of office on Monday.

Speaking in Parliament after the vote, Shehbaz, 72 years old, brought up Kashmir in his speech and said the Parliament should pass a resolution for the freedom of Kashmiris. Also in his speech, he said he would eradicate terrorism and would maintain cordial relations with neighbours based on the principles of equality.

Shehbaz, who was the prime minister till the parliament was dissolved in August 2023, takes charge at a time when Pakistan is deep in debt and where even the expenses of running the Parliament are paid through borrowed money, he said.

PRASHANT KISHOR

'JAGAN MAY LOSE BIG TIME IN ANDHRA'

Ace political strategist Prashant Kishor, who played a key role in YSRC chief Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy's massive victory in 2019, has predicted that the Andhra CM is going to lose big in the ensuing assembly elections. Prashant was speaking on the pre-poll scenarios in India at the Hyderabad Dialogues – an initiative of TNIE – on Sunday | P5

EXPRESS READ

Controversial Calcutta HC judge to resign

Kolkata: Calcutta High Court judge Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay, who is in the crosshairs of the ruling TMC, said he will resign on Tuesday. P7

Denied ticket, Harsh Vardhan quits politics

New Delhi: Senior BJP leader Dr Harsh Vardhan on Sunday announced that he was quitting politics, a day after the BJP denied him a Lok Sabha ticket. P7

INDIA bloc leaders flex muscles at Patna rally

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

FORMER Congress president Rahul Gandhi said on Sunday that the Narendra Modi government at the Centre was ignoring 73% of the country's population. Addressing a rally in Patna, Rahul said that farmers, youth and others are meted out injustice.

"The Central government is neglecting the plight of the country's population that belongs to marginalised sections of the society," he said.

Launching a scathing attack on the government at the Centre, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge accused the prime minister of failing to deliver on his promises.

He questioned the veracity of Modi's assurances regarding job creation, black money retrieval and pucca houses for all. He also accused BJP of betraying the trust of people and engaging in manipulative tactics devoid of factual basis.

Taking a swipe at Bihar CM and JD(U) leader Nitish Kumar, who recently parted ways with the Opposition alliance to join the NDA, the Congress chief advised RJD not to ally with him if he comes back.

Taking a dig at Nitish, Bihar's Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Yadav said the Bihar government should get its insurance done as it runs the risk of JD(U) president taking repeated U-turns. "They (BJP) say 'Modi Ki Guarantee', but who will take the guarantee of Nitish Kumar?" he asked.

Referring to Modi's remarks on nepotism, Tejashwi said the BJP, too, has dynasts. He cited the examples of Samrat Choudhary, whose father was a politician; Santosh Suman, son of Jitan Ram Manjhi; and Pashupati Kumar Paras, brother of Ram Vilas Paswan.

Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Department
Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Sri D K Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister
Foundation Laying of Vrishabhavati Lift Irrigation Project
By
Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Siddaramaiah &
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Sri D.K. Shivakumar
On 4th March 2024 | Time : 10.00 AM
Venue : Bommanahalli Grama, Bengaluru-Tumukuru National Highway, Budihala Grama Panchayiti, Nelamangala Taluk.
IN THE PRESENCE OF
Sri K.H. Muniyappa
Hon'ble Minister of Food & Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs
Dr. G. Parameshwar
Hon'ble Home Minister and Tumkur District In-charge Minister
Dr. M.C. Sudhakar
Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education and Chikkaballapur In-charge Minister
Sri N.S. Boseraju
Hon'ble Minister for Minor Irrigation, Science and Technology
• For the first time since independence, the government has launched a large-scale initiative to recharge groundwater in Bengaluru & other drought affected districts.
• The foundation stone for Phase 1 of the Vrishabhavathi Valley project is being laid, with the goal of delivering 243 MLD of treated sewage water from Bangalore City to 70 tanks located in the Bangalore City, Bangalore Rural and Tumkur Districts.
The persistent failure of rains in the dry plains of Bengaluru Rural, Bangalore City, Tumkur, and Chikkaballapur districts over the last several decades has resulted in the drying up of rivers, lakes, and several water bodies in ditches devoid of water. As a result, the only available water source for farmers in this area is tube wells. According to groundwater statistics, the groundwater level has dropped by approximately 1000-1200 feet as a result of excessive groundwater extraction for agriculture and other activities. To address this, the Department of Minor Irrigation, led by Minister N.S. Boseraju, has launched a Rs 1081 crore lift irrigation project to fill 70 lakes in the first phase, resulting in long-term groundwater augmentation. This is one of the ambitious projects to divert 243 MLD of the total 308 MLD of water from the Rajarajeshwari Nagar BWSSB Nayandahalli & 65 MLD from Mylasandra BWSSB sewage treatment plant in Bangalore to a total of 259 lakes, including 189 lakes planned for implementation in the second and third phases.
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Hon'ble Minister for Minor Irrigation, Science and Technology Sri N.S. Boseraju interacting with the public.
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